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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, and 11-14 are currently being examined, all of which have been amended. No new claims have been added. It is respectfully believed that no new matter has been introduced.

Claims 7, 9, and 11-14 stand rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112 for an informality. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended to remove the noted informality. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection of claims 7, 9, and 11-14 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over USP 5,806,072 (**Kuba**) in view of USP 6,278,447 (**Anderson**).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Kuba describes an electronic imaging apparatus having hierarchical image data storage structure for computer-compatible image data management.

Anderson describes a method and system for accelerating a user interface of an image capture unit during play mode. **Anderson** discloses "image file 600 includes a header 602,

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compressed image data 604, a thumbnail image 606, a screennail 608, and an image tag field 610" (col. 7, lines 60-62).

A problem discussed in **Kuba** is depicted by Fig. 21(A). An intended solution, discussed by **Kuba**, is depicted by Fig. 21(B). In view of the foregoing, **Kuba** is intended to solve (Fig. 21 (B)) the problem (Fig. 21 (A)) which occurs when reduced images corresponding to different types of images (single and continuous image pickup) are displayed together in a multi-screen display (display of an arrangement of reduced images).

Kuba discloses displaying full-size images individually. In **Kuba**, the images which are individually displayed for different types are full-size images, and not reduced images in a multi-screen display. **Kuba** discloses a display of reduced images corresponding to different types of images on one screen (Fig. 21(B)).

Kuba, alone or in combination with **Anderson**, does not disclose displaying only the same type of images in an image index.

Kuba, alone or in combination with **Anderson**, does not disclose a display of reduced images corresponding to the same type of images.

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Kuba and **Anderson**, alone or in combination, do not describe, teach, or suggest the following features of claims **1** and **7**, as amended: "said display unit does not simultaneously display both **reduced** images obtained from the normal pickup mode and the continuous image pickup mode **on one screen**" in combination with the other claimed features.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection of claims 1, 3-7, 9, and 11-14 should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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